



PATENT APPLICATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2000,
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following
amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claims 24-29 as follows.

24. The skin contacting article according to Claim 12,
wherein the natural organic impalpable powder is made of a
material selected from the group consisting of silk, collagen,
cellulose, chitin, chitosan, wool, hemp, cotton, sponge powder
and whey.

25. The skin contacting article according to Claim 24,
wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of
silk, collagen and whey.

26. The skin contacting article according to Claim 24,
wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of
chitin, chitosan and cellulose.